

against quantitative restrictions maintained by India. The remaining complaints have not gone to the Panel stage as these were not pursued by the complainant countries.

(d) The amount spent by India on legal fees in these five disputes which have gone to the panel / Appellate Body stage is approximately Rs. 1.16 crores.

#### **Decline in export of wheat**

†1712. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the export of wheat has decreased in the previous months;
- (b) if so, the rate of this decrease;
- (c) the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken to come out of this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The total quantity and value of wheat exported during Jan-May, 2001 is as under:—

Month	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs. crores)
Jan, 2001	244279	103.04
Fe., 2001	180151	93.41
March, 2001	439835	223.73
April, 2001	292810	149.07
May, 2001	294445	163.91

(Source: DGCI & S, Kolkata)

(c) and (d) The export of wheat would depend upon international demand and supply position, domestic demand and supply position, international and domestic prices, consumer preference, varieties traded and the actual shipment against contracted quantities.

#### **UNDP scheme for Jharkhand and Uttarakhand**

†1713. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government provide assistance to the State Governments under the UNDP for the training of design etc. to the persons involved in this profession under the National Leather Development Programme; and

(b) if so, the details of the Schemes approved for newly created State of Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh togetherwith the fund made available so far?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN):** (a) Government, under the UNDP assisted Programme "Small Industries Development and Employment Programme in Leather Sector (SIDE-NLDP)", provides assistance under its various sub-programmes for carrying out programmes aimed at development of artisans in the leather sector through technology transfers, skill upgradation, design development and improvement in quality of their products. These sub-programmes are implemented by agencies including NGOs, State Governments, Organizations under State Governments.

(b) No such sub-programme has so far been conceived for the States of Uttaranchal and Chhattisgarh. However for Jharkhand, an initial allocation of US \$ 5000 has been provided for skill upgradation of the artisans.

**New scheme for shoe-manufacturer**

**†1714. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to start any scheme like UNDP to encourage shoe-manufacturers in Uttaranchal as has been done in Kanpur and Agra;

(b) if so, the names of the places identified for this purpose and by when this scheme will be executed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN):** (a) and (b) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to start any scheme to encourage shoe manufacturers in Uttaranchal under the ongoing UNDP assisted Programme "Small Industries Development & Employment Programme in Leather Sector (SIDE-NLDP)" on the lines of schemes operating in Agra and Kanpur.

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